

Costume Checking Protocol

Approximately 10 minutes prior to the start of each competitive event the Referee (or technical official appointed by the referee) will conduct a costume check as per the following guidelines:

- 10 minutes prior to taking the floor for event warm up the announcer will call the event/group to the marshaling area or other checking point as designated by the referee.
- Skaters must present themselves at the checking point wearing their complete competition costume.
- The referee will select two skaters from each event/group to scrutinize for costume violation, including but not limited to, checking stone size and for the presence of transparent material in areas not allowed by the rules.
- If a skater/team is found in breach of the costume rules they will be required to change costumes otherwise a costume penalization will apply.
- Regardless of the costume checking protocol referees **MUST** still apply the deduction rules to any costume that breaches the rules within the event.

Procedure variations:

- In the case of events with small numbers of competitors the referee may choose to conduct the costume check of the whole event or multiple events at once.
- In the case of a large event with more than one group of skaters the referee may choose to conduct the costume checking in groups.
- It is advisable that the referee inform the competition management on how they will conduct the costume checking so that federations/clubs can be advised on the process to be used prior to the competition starting.
- In the case that the referee is unavailable due to being on the panel they may appoint a member of the technical commission or other technical official to conduct the costume check.

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